

limited to the same extent as the liability of shareholders of business corporations, is all I've got to say is, nearly every member on this floor has hashed and rehashed the Initiative 300 and I'm not going to stand here and go back over all of that again. But the only statement that I have to say is, I see that this is no different than Initiative 300 and, again, this little movement was tried last year and probably the year before and I see nothing new and anything different and, again, as I say, by allowing that business trust, they have controlled the price to that farmer on his product and I will guarantee you it is not of the interest in the farmers in most cases. I see nothing wrong with that farmer raising that crop or that livestock or that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...for that plant and contracting with the plant.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, maybe it's not in my good judgment, maybe if I was a little older and wiser man I'd just sit down and keep my mouth shut on this one, but I think, if I want to look at myself in the mirror in the morning, I have to stand here today and say something about this issue. I admire Senator Weihsing, Senator Pappas and Senator Baack for their convictions on fighting this issue, but I must say this is the wrong way to go about it, this is the wrong way to go about it. In 1982 we had something like 56,000 people sign a petition, and I'll agree, maybe they weren't signing exactly what they thought they were signing, I'll agree maybe they were misled a little bit, and I'll agree maybe that 280,000 people that voted for Initiative 300 may not have been voting on quite what they thought it was, but it is quite clear to me the people of Nebraska have a vested interest in what is going on here today. And I just find it a little unusual that we're just kind of moseying along here and nothing is happening. Now I have some problems with 300. I have stated on record that I'll support LB 547 because that is where the statute should have been before it was put in the Constitution in 1982 and I may even support LR 10, and I think if Marty Strange and Larry Hall and the boys were smart in futuristic thinking, they'd come to the table and bargain on this, but they are simply not going to the way it looks. But in my own mind, we have a credibility problem already in the Legislature. There is right ways to do things and there is wrong ways to do things and I really believe